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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON CENTURYLINK SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF CALL SIGNALING RULES

CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90;  
WT Docket No. 10-208

COMMENTS: October 31, 2012  
REPLY COMMENTS: November 15, 2012

On September 13, 2012, CenturyLink, Inc. (CenturyLink) filed a supplemental petition (Supplemental Petition)<sup>1</sup> seeking limited waiver of the Commission's call signaling rules<sup>2</sup> adopted in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.<sup>3</sup> On January 23, 2012, CenturyLink filed an initial petition ("Initial Petition")<sup>4</sup> seeking waiver of the Commission's call signaling rules, on which the Commission sought public comment.<sup>5</sup> In its Supplemental Petition, CenturyLink seeks to supplement its original request with "several additional scenarios where a waiver is appropriate" and claims that "most of these situations involve the same general scenarios that were identified in Century Link's Initial Waiver Request."<sup>6</sup> CenturyLink states that it is filing its Supplemental Petition "to make it unambiguously clear that these additional contexts fall within the scope of its request for relief."<sup>7</sup>

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on the CenturyLink Supplemental Petition on or before the dates indicated above. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208.**

<sup>1</sup> See CenturyLink Supplemental Petition for Limited Waiver, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, WT Docket No. 10-208 (filed Sept. 13, 2012) (Supplemental Petition).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(a).

<sup>3</sup> See *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 18227, app. A (2011), *pets. for review pending*, *Direct Commc'ns Cedar Valley, LLC v. FCC*, No. 11-9581 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 18, 2011) (and consolidated cases) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*).

<sup>4</sup> See Petition for Limited Waiver of CenturyLink Inc., CC Docket Nos. 10-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, WT Docket No. 10-208 (filed Jan. 23, 2012) (Initial Petition).

<sup>5</sup> See *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on CenturyLink Petition for Limited Waiver of Call Signaling Rules*, CC Docket No. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, WT Docket No. 10-208, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 466 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012).

<sup>6</sup> Supplemental Petition at 2.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).<sup>8</sup> Two courtesy copies must be delivered to Christopher S. Koves, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A236, Washington, DC 20554, or *via* email at Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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<sup>8</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

<sup>9</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

For further information regarding this proceeding, please contact Christopher S. Koves, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, at (202) 418-1520 (voice) or *via* email at [Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov).

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